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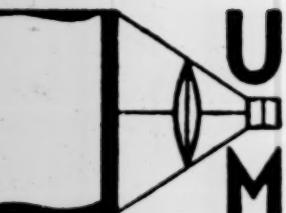
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THE
GREAT MYSTERY
OF
GODLINESS:
Jesus CHRIST our Lord
God and Man, and
Man with God;
One in
Jesus CHRIST our Lord.

By Mr. ERBURY Minister of the Word.

1 COR. 2.6,7,14.

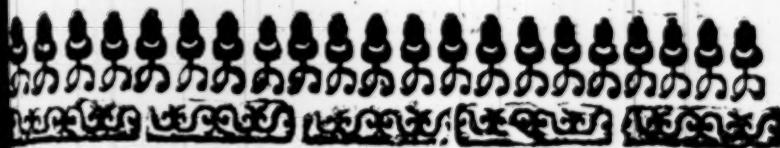
we speak wisdome among them that are perfect; yet not the wisdome of this world, nor of the Princes of this world that come to nought; But we speak the wisdome of God in a Mystery.

But the naturall man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishnesse unto him: neither can he know them because they are spiritually discerned.

Gal. 3.28. Ye are All, One, in Jesus Christ.

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THE
M Y S T I C A L L
 Union of C H R I S T and
 his C H U R C H ;

Grace, Mercy and Peace with all
 spirituall and speciall blessings of
 Heaven be multiplied upon you and in
 you, by the blessed Spirit from God
 the Father through C H R I S T
 J E S U S our Lord.

Amen.



Q. What must you do to be
 holy here, and happy
 hereafter ?

A. Two things ; First,
 Know C H R I S T,

John, 17. 3.

Secondly, Be knit unto him, *John*
7.21, 22, 23, 24.

Q. By what meanes may we come
 to this ?

A. First, Outwardly.

- { 1. In the Word I am taught to know
him *Joh. 17.8.*
2. In the Sacraments I am tied and
knit to him, *1 Cor. 10.6.*

Secondly, inwardly

- { 1. By Faith on my part, *Eph. 3.17.*
Gal. 3.27, 28, 29.
2. Grounded on the Word wherein
I receive him.
2. Growing in the Sacrament
wherein I am received into him.
2. By the Spirit on Gods part, *1 Cor.*
6.17. and 12.13.
1. Assuring Christ unto me in the
Word, *Eph. 1.13.*
2. Sealing Christ unto me in the
Sacrament, *Rom. 4.11.*

This is my Body, so the Word saies
without, when the bread is given in
the Sacrament, and so the Spirit speaks
within, assuring, yea,

making

1. The Body of Christ as verily present to the faithfull, as the bread is to the receiver, *1 Cor. 11.24,26.*
2. The faithfull partaker of Christs Body as verily as of the bread which he eates, *1 Cor. 10.16.*
3. The faithfull one with Christs Body as verily as the bread received & eaten is one with his body that feeds upon it, *1 Cor. 12.12.*



P A R T . I.

Quest. **W**HAT is it to know Christ?

1. The want of Christ, *Phil. 3.7.*
2. The worth of Christ, *Phil. 3.8.*
3. A willingnesse in me to receive Christ, *Phil. 3.9, 10,12,14.*

First,

First, when I feele the want of Christ in respect of the guilt and filth of sin in me. Secondly, find the worth of Christ to pardon and purge my sin. Thirdly, feele and find a willingnesse in me to receive Christ, that is, to accept of him on his own conditions.

1 Not only to be my Priest and Jesus to save me by his blood, *Heb. 2.17*

2 Not only to be my Prophet and Christ, to teach me by his Word, *Act. 3.22.*

3 But also to be my Prince & Lord to rule mee by his Spirit, leaving my old lust, and living by his laws, denying my selfe, and delighting to do whatever he commands, *Act. 5.31.*

Then I know Christ, and this is to beleeve in him. Read: *Joh. 1.6,7.* and *cha. 2.1,2,3,4.* So *Mat. 28.20.* *Mar. 9.* from v.43. to the end. *Luke 6.46.* *Joh. 15.14.*

§. 1.

Q. **H**ow do you know the want of Christ?

A. 1

A. 1 I am far and for ever in my selfe separated from God by my sin naturall and actuall, *Isa.59.2. Psal.58 3. Eph.2.13,14.*

2 I am foully stained and stinking with all sin in my whole nature, soule and body, *Psal.14.3.and 51.5. Rom.3 from ver.10.to 20.*

3 There is no power in me to think a good thought, or to keep any one of Gods commandements once in all my life, *2 Cor.3.5. Rom.3.9,10. James 3.2.*

4 There is no plague but is upon me, and for the sinfullnesse of my nature & sins of my life, every curse of God is on my soule and body in this life, and that which is to come, *Deut.27.26.& 28.16 Mat.25.41.*

5 There is no good dwelling in my flesh, nay not onely an emptiness of all good, but an enmity against it, *Gen.6.5. Rom.7.18.& 8.7.*

6 I have no power to please God in any good I doe, *Rom.8.8. Prov.15.8. Heb.11.6.*

7 I have no hope to goe to heaven when I die, *1 Cor.15.50. Rev.21.27.*

O how miserable and wretched is that man or woman that lives and dies (as many doe, *Mat. 7.13.*) in this corrupt and cursed condition without Christ !



§. 2.

2. **VV**Hat worth do you find in Christ ?

A. 1. The excellency of his person, being the onely begotten, beloved Son of God, the heire of all things, the head of his Church, Angels, Principalities and Powers, being subiect unto him, *Eph. 1.21,22. Col. 1.15,16,17,18,19. Heb. 1,2,3,4. 1 Pet. 3.22.*

2 The exceeding riches of his grace freely offered, and fully given unto me in the Gospel, *Epb. 2.7. & 3.8. Isay 61. 1, &c.*

3 The blessings that he brings, *Acts 3.26. Eph. 1.3.*

4 The graces that he gives, *John 1. 14.16.*

O how happy is that man or woman that is made one with the Son of God!

(how

(how few are they Christ knowes,
Mat. 7.14.) yet thrice happy is hee or
shee that have him for their head and
husband, who hath all power in his
hands, all heavenly blessings to bestow
upon them, all spirituall graces to give
unto them, and an unsearchable ri-
ches of grace to endow them to eter-
nall glory.

Q. What is the grace of Christ?

A. It is an honourable, holy and
happy condition that Christ hath cal-
led me unto by the Gospel; who be-
ing the second *Adam*, received my
nature unto himselfe, restored it with
himselfe into favour with God againe
from whom I fell; and raised my falm
nature into a higher favour and grace
with God the Father then it was in
the first *Adam* before his fall, *Eph. 2.*
5,6.

1 He hath taken my nature separa-
ted from God, and hath now united it
to the Godhead for ever, *Joh. 1.14.*
Heb. 2.11, 14.

2 He hath sanctified my nature sin-
full in me, but perfectly holy in him,

Luke

Luke 1.35. Joh. 17. 19. Heb. 7. 26.

3 He hath in my nature fulfilled the whole Law for me, which I could never doe, *Rom. 10.5. & 8.4.*

4 Hee hath for my sin in my stead suffered the whole wrath of the Lord, the curse of the Law which I could never suffer, *Isa. 53.4,5. 2 Cor. 5.21. Gal. 3.13. 1 Pet. 2.24.*

5 He filled my nature in himselfe with all grace, God gave him not the Spirit by measure, but being made flesh, we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth, *John 1.14. and 3. 34,35.*

6 He fulfilled all righteousnesse that was to be done or suffered in life or death by me, in my nature, in whom God was well pleased, *Mat. 3.15,17. Mat. 12.18.*

7 Heraignes in my nature glorified above all in heaven, *Ephes. 1.20.*



§. 3.

Q. **VV**Hy are you so willing
to receive Christ?

A. That I may be knit unto him,
Gal, 3.26.28.



P A R T . II.

Q. **VV**Hat is it to bee knit
unto Christ.

A. To become one with him by
his Spirit, and my faith looking up
and laying hold on my nature in
him, that as hee tooke my flesh and
made it his, so I take his flesh and
make it mine, that thus I might bee
one with him and he with me. I dwell
in him and he in me; hee dwelleth in
me by faith, and I dwell in him in my
flesh; that as my nature is become
his, so all his might be mine, *Joh. 17.*

21. and 6.56. *Ephes.3.17. Cant.6.7.*

Q. How are you one with Christ Jesus?

A. 1. Not one in conceit and imagination.

2 Nor one in consent and affection.

3 Nor one in substance and transfusion, as if the Godhead or manhood of Christ were mixt with any substance.

4 But one in spirit, or rather one spirit, that is more, the self-same spirit dwelling in him, dwells in me: so uniting me unto him, that through his manhood from his Godhead, it conveys, and I receive all spirituall life in soule and body for ever, *1 Cor.6.17 Rom.8.11. 1 Joh.3.23. John 6.60.*

Q. What union then is this that is betweene Christ and you?

A. The nearest that may be imagined: for there is an union, first, of lineage or flesh; thus many kinsmen are one.

2 Of love or friendship; thus many men are one, *Acts 4.32.* the soule of

of *Jonathan* was knit to *David*, and this union of Spirits is nearer then the first of bodies.

3 Matrimoniall; thus man and wife are one, and this union is nearer then both the former, seeing married persons are not onely one in flesh, but in highest love and friendship; besides a man must forsake father, nearest flesh and friends to follow and cleave to his wife.

4 Mysticall, thus Christ and his Church are one by a nearer union then all the three; for Christ is not onely, first, partaker of flesh and blood with us, *Heb. 2.14*. Secondly, We are his friends, *John 15.14*. Thirdly, he is our husband also, *Isay 54.5*. Fourthly, But also he is our head, and we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bone; and this union is called Mysticall, because it is more then any, un-conceivable in thought, and unutterable by tongue; kinsmen, friends, and married ones must die, and then their union ends. But Christ hath so taken my flesh as never to be divided from

from it ; such a friend as not life nor death can divide me from him, whose love passeth all knowledge and time, loving me unto the end, and after all ; and not onely beloved, but I am betrothed and married to him for ever, and not onely betrothed, but I am of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones, nay, by faith I eate his flesh and drink his blood, what nearer union can be ?

Q. What is it to eat his flesh ?

A. 1. To apprehend, apply, and partake of his flesh as my owne, as the meat I eat is mine.

2 To beleeve that I am truely and really (though spiritually) united unto him, and one with him, of his bone, and of his flesh, as the meat I eat becomes one with my substance.

3 To expect in faith for all grace ; and growth in good strength in his services, quickning and comfort, and eternall life from the flesh of Christ : as the meat I eat maintaines life, gives nourishment and enables mee for all naturall actions, so doth Christ, for spirituall bread strengthens mans heart,

heart, and wine cheares it, so, and more in mee doth Christ's flesh and blood.

Q. How shall I make this knowledge of Christ effectuall, and the knot fast for ever?

A. 1. By a faithfull humble meditating on the grace of Christ, *Joh.6.43, 44,45,55,56.*

2 By an affectionate hearty thanksgiving to God the Father who hath blessed me with all spirituall blessings in Christ, *Eph.1.3.*

3 By a fruitfull diligent growing in all the graces of the Spirit, *Joh.15.3.*

4 By fervent daily prayer to God the Father through Christ Jesus by the Spirit to enlighten and lead me to the love of God unto eternall life, *Eph.1.17 and 3.19. 2 Thess.3.5.*

§. 4.

Q. How doe you meditate on Christ?

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A.

A. I desire to know Christ, not as one farre from mee, but as one with me, and I in him, and from him, or rather through my flesh in him, recei-
ving all things from God the Father for my salvation. This is the meaning of that, *Joh.6.56.* spoken of before, to
eate the flesh of Christ (*i.e.*) by faith to apply and truly to partake of Christ's
flesh as mine owne, and being out of
my self, in it to have life, and through
it to have all things that concerne
grace and glory.

This is that S. Paul determined to
know, onely Jesus Christ, and him
crucified, *1 Cor.2.2. Gal.2.20.* for this
excellent knowledge S. Paul counted
all things but dung, that he might
win Christ; what is that? That I
might bee found in him not having
mine owne righteousness but his, not
my selfe, but him, *Phil.3.8,9,10.*

Q. What doe you meditate of in
Christ?

A. I finde my nature, soule and
body united to God in him, and
therefore feele my self reconciled, and

at one with God the Father; his Father, my Father, his God my God,
Joh. 14.20.21,23.& 20.17.

2 I see my nature sanctified perfectly in his person, from which I seek a power to sanctifie mine more and more in my person, *Heb. 2.11. John 17.10.*

3 As hee hath fulfilled the law for me, so

- 1 In him God accounts me righteous, *Rom. 3.22. 2 Cor. 5.21.*
- 2 In me God accepts of my upright purpose to please him in all things for perfect righteousness, *Psal. 119.1,2,3,4,5,6.*

3 From him I receive a power to perform the whole law in every point, though not perfectly in the highest pitch and purity that the Law requires, yet (seeking and striving to perfection) pleasingly as God accepts in Christ Jesus; who fulfilling the Law for me in my flesh, which he took, writes the Law in me by his Spirit, which he gives, making me to delight in the Law of God in the inward man,

to be ready to doe his will, to have respect to all his Commandements, to refrain my feet from every evill way, to purge my self from all filthinesse of flesh and Spirit, perfecting holinesse in his fear, *Jer. 31.33. & 32.40. Heb. 8.10. Rom. 7.22. Psal. 40.8. & 119.6. 101.2. 2 Cor. 7. 1 Phil. 3. 12,13,14,15.*

4 He hath satisfied Gods justice in suffering in my stead, being made a curse for me, and in his own self bearing my sins in his own body upon the tree ; so I look for

- 1 Peace in my self from above, being crucified with Christ, *Gal. 2.20*
- 2 Power over sin within, being crucified with Christ in my corrupt nature, *Rom. 6.6.*

Christ stood on the Crosse as my surety in my stead.

- 1 As a sinner ; for he was made sin for me, *2 Cor. 5.2.*
- 2 As accursed, for hee was made a curse for me, *Gal. 3.13.*

So being one with him.

- 1 As hee in my nature is full of grace, so out of his fulnesse I looke to receive

receive grace for grace, *Joh.1.16.Col.1.*

9. & 2.3,9,10.

2 My best duties are in me damnable, but in Christ Jesus, God and Man, my Mediator and Master, my person is accepted, and all my actions pleasing, *Eph.1.6.*

3 I see my self shut out of Paradise, I have no hope of heaven in my selfe, a dead dog, a damned creature, an heir of hell; but God which is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith hee hath loved me when I was dead in sin, hath quickned me together with Christ, and raised mee up with him, and made me sit together in heavenly places with Christ Jesus. So then in Christ I rose, and in Christ now I reign in heaven being now on earth, (*i.e.*) I see by faith my own nature in Christ sitting at the right hand of God, who is my good and great high Priest,

In { 1 Presenting my person to the Father and making mee pleasing unto him, *Heb.4.14.*

2 Perfuming my prayers, and praying for mee to his Father,

B 3 *Heb.*

Heb. 7. 25. Revel. 8. 3, 4.

3 Preparing a place for me, and me
for that place by his Spirit, *John*
14. 2, 16. Col. 1. 12.

§. 5.

Q. **VV**Hat are the blessings
that Christ Jesus
brings?

A. First, Eternall election to life in
his Father's love, *Eph. 1. 4.*

2 Adoption to become the son of
God with himselfe, *Eph. 1. 5.*

3 Acceptation of my person, and
all my actions in him, *Eph. 1. 6.*

4 Redemption of my soule and body
by his blood; and justification,
whereby I am fully cleared from Gods
judgement, freed from Gods wrath,
my sins forgiven, and I freely account-
ed as just, *Eph. 1. 7.*

5 Vocation, whereby I am the called
of Christ Jesus, *Rom. 1. 6.* in the
Gospel, wherein he hath abounded to
me

me in all wisdome and prudence, ha-
ving made knowne unto mee the my-
stery of his will, *Eph. 1.8,9.*

6 Eternall salvation, and an im-
mortall inheritance in heaven with all
Angels and Saints that ever were or
shall be, *Eph. 1.10,11.*

And all this to the praise of the glo-
ry of his grace, *Eph. 1.6,12.*



§. 6.

*Q. VV*Hat are the graces that
Christ Jesus gives?

A. 1. Knowledge, *Col. 2.3.* to un-
derstand,

- { 1 The Word of God and meaning
of the Scriptures, *Luke 24.45.*
- 2 The will of God, *John 15.15.* and
the minde of Christ, *1 Cor. 2.16.*
- 3 The mysteries, of the kingdome of
heaven, *Mat. 13.11.*
- 4 The misery, wretchednesse, blind-
nesse, poverty, nakednesse of my
naughty nature, *Rev. 3.17,18. Rom.
7.18.*

15 The graces of the Spirit in me, and
the good things which are freely
given unto mee of God through
Christ Jesus, *1 Cor. 2.12.*

2 Faith, with the beginning and in-
creasethereof, *Mark 9.24. Luke 17.5.*
Eph. 2.8.

3 Repentance with a mourning
melting spirit, *Acts 5.31.* for every sin
in my self and others by Christs look
on me, *Luke 22.61,62.* and mine on
Christ, *Zech. 12.10.*

4 Love to God and men, good and
bad, *Deut. 30.6. Rom. 5.5. 1 Thes. 4.9.*
Mat. 5.44.

5 The feare of the Lord God, *Ier.*
32.40. This covenant is made in
Christ, *Heb. 8.8.* therefore he gives it,
working it in mee by his Spirit, and
warning me of it by his Word, *Luke*
12.5.

6 Hope of my inheritance in hea-
ven, *Rom. 15.13. 2 Thess. 2.15.*

7 In a word all other graces spring-
ing from the Father, the fountaine of
grace, conveied in Christ, through
his flesh by his Spirit into my heart,
shed

shed abroad and streaming on to ever-lasting life, *John 4.14. & 7.37,38. Gal. 5.22,23,24.*



§. 7.

Q. **V**HAT must you doe on your part to continue your communion with God the Father in Christ Jesus by the Spirit?

A. 1. Generally.

1 Fly for my life every sin open or secret, and every appearance of evill that may separate betweene God and me, or make mee faile of his grace in Christ, or grieve his holy Spirit, *Esay 59.2. Heb. 12.15. Eph. 4.30.*

2 Follow after holinesse, and in all holy occasions, company and courses, commanded by God and commended by good men, continue and increase in all goodnesse & all good duties, cleansing my selfe continually from all filthinesse of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in his feare, *2 Cor. 7.1.*

2 Par-

2 Particularly.

1 I give all diligence alwayes to make my calling and election sure,
2 Pet. 1.10.

2 Walke humbly with my God
hourely , with a reverend awfull respect of his presence,fearing to offend
his Majesty in any thing, *Mich. 6.8*
Psal. 139.2,3.

3 Renew my repentance daily for
my hourely offences or frailty, confessing them in particular, and craving
pardon, and purging, *1 Joh. 1.9.*

4 I humble my selfe weekly in fast-
ing for some speciall sins and daily
slips in his service, or my calling ; put
aside some oueres, if I cannot a whole
day, *Mat. 5.20. and 6.17.*

5 Remember to covenant monthly my
with my Lord in the Sacrament of the
Body and Bloud of Christ Jesus, or as
oft as it is administered, *1 Cor. 11.26.*

6 Once in the yeare cast up all my
accounts, see how my Communion is
increased , and my corruptions lessened,
and how far I am gone and grown
in grace, and in the knowledge of
Christ,

Christ, *Lev. 16.34*. Once a yeare Merchants cast up their whole accounts, and Husbandmen know their increase of corne and cattell; So they who are wise Merchants and working Christians, may observe in themselves a change or increase in a yeares space, what cannot be so sensibly perceived in a short time.

7 The Christian Sabbaths and Saints must be my delight, holy and honourable, when, and with whom I have more opportunity and time to have communion with thy God, *Isa. 58.13* *Sal. 16.3*.

8 The Word of God must abide & hold well in me richly, wherein I may acquaint my selfe with my Masters will, richly my Fathers love, and communicate both to my fellow servants and brethren, *Col. 3.16*.

9 Take heed of omitting any occasion of doing good, or receiving good in conference or company with men, oresse any good duty in publicke or private before God, *Mal. 3.16*.

10 Beware of carelesse and customary

mary performance of any holy duty,
but do it in love of Communion with
my God, that by every prayer I make,
every word I heare, &c. I may come
neerer to him in Christ Jesus; *Jer.48.*
10. Psal.73.28.

11 Weane my selfe from the world,
use the world as not using it, entangle
not my self in other mens matters nor
mine own, draw heavenly thoughts
from earthly things, deny my selfe not
only in indifferent, but in lawfull, yea
necessary things, *1 Cor.7.31. & 6.12.*

12 Watch my heart with all dili-
gence, the rising of my lust, the checks
of my conscience, the motions of the
Spirit, &c. *Pro.4.23.*

13 Worke out my salvation with
feare and trembling, striving harder
running faster, and pressing on to the
prize of the high calling of God in
Christ Jesus, *Phil.2.12. and 3.14.*

14 Observe still my present estate
the tempter of my soule, my spiritual
decayes, deadnesse, dulnesse, hardnesse
of heart, security, strangenesse from
God, I suffer not these to stay long up-

on me, but stir up my selfe by repen-
tance and prayer, and strengthen the
things which remaine and are ready
to die, *Rev. 3.2, 17. and 2.4, 5.*

15 Goe forward in good duties,
fruitfull in good works, fervent in spi-
rit, zealous in Gods cause, sensible of
the least sinne, and above all things
beward of barrennesse and back-sli-
ding, and an evill heart of unbelief in
departing from the living God, *1 Cor.*
15.58. Col. 1.10. Rom. 12.11.1 Thes. 5.
22. Heb. 10.

16 Stir up my faith continually, seek
to the Lord, strengthen it, study the
promises, apply them perfectly, and in
them Christ to thy selfe, sticke very
fast unto the Lord, cleave unto him,
cling about him, depart not from him,
depend upon him, delight in him, and
be thankfull to him, beleeve and live
in the light of his countenance, and of
his Commandements, *Isa. 64.7.2 Tim.*
1.6. 1 Pet. 1.13. Act. 11.23.

17 In my nearest approaches, and
dearest imbraces by him, I am not too
bold, but in my strongest feelings,
sweetest

sweetest refreshments, spirituall consolations in Christ, comforts of the spirit, joy in Gods face and favour, I feare and tremble before him, *Psal. 11. 1 Pet. 1. 17.*

18 Feare the Lord my God all my dayes, a feare not of distrust but of diligence to work, & jealousie to watch my selfe, a feare not servile only of his justice, but sonnelike of his goodnesse, a feare not to drive me from God, but to draw mee to him ; wee cannot believe or love the Lord too much, but yet God doth not cocker his children therefore when thou most beleevest that thou liest in the arms of his love, feare the more, lest then thou fall asleep, secure and sweetly sin : Satan seeks but this, to find thee thus, hee cares not then, but rocks, sits by, and sings, and keeps thee fast asleep, with the sweet sound of faith and assurance *Pro. 28. 14.*

Oh the slights of Satan, the methods, mysteries, and depths of the Devil, in our nearest communion with God to cast us farthest from him !

19 Con-

19 Continue constant in prayer, watching thereunto with all perseverance, present my selfe oft before the Lord upon my knees, in my Closet, or some corner, if it bee but a word or two, 'twill increase my acquaintance and my communion with him; have my heart ever upward, heavenly and humble, fending up sometimes strong groanes, sudden sighs, short ejaculations, petitions or prayses in the midst of worldly affairs, callings and company, &c. when they think not of it, steale a secret thought to the throne of grace, and my Father which feeth in secret, &c. Luk. 18.1. Eph. 6.18. Col. 4.2. 1 Pet. 4.7. Neh. 2.4.

§. 8.

2. **VV**Hat should you especially pray for?

A. 1 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory may give unto me the spirit of wisdom and reve-

revelation in the knowledge of him; The eye of my understanding being enlightened, that I may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the Saints: And what is the exceeding greatnessse of his power to usward, who beleeves according to the working of his mighty power.

- 1 pardoning all my sinnes against him, *Num. 14.17.*
- 2 Subduing the power of every sin in me, *Mich. 7.19.*
- 3 Sanctifying me more and more in spirit, soule, and body blamelesse, *1 Thes. 5.23.*
- 4 Strengthening mee in all his services, *Isa. 40.29.*
- 5 Supporting me in all my sufferrings, faintings, feares, *Isa. 41.10.*
- 6 Supplying all my wants exceeding abundantly above all that I can aske or think, *Eph. 3.20.*
- 7 Saving me to the uttermost from all evill, *Heb. 7.25.*
- 8 Preserving me to salvation, that I fall not from good, *1 Pet. 1.5.* be
- 9 Present

9 Presenting me faultlesse before
his glorious presence with joy,
Jude 24.

10 Raising me at the last day, and
changing my vile body that it
may be like unto his glorious
Body, according to his mighty
working, &c. *Phil. 3. 21.*

Which he wrought in Christ when he
raised him from the dead, and set him
at his own right hand in the heavenly
places, far above all principality, and
power, and might, and dominion, and
every name that is named, not only in
this world, but also in that which is to
come: And hath put all things under
his feet, and gave him to be the head
over all things to the Church; which
is his Body, the fulnesse of him that
filleth all in all, *Eph. 1. 17, 18, &c.*

2 That God would grant me accord-
ing to the riches of his glory, to be
strengthened with might by his Spirit
in the inner man, that Christ may
dwell in my heart by faith, that being
rooted and grounded in love, I may
be able to comprehend with all Saints

what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height: And to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that I may be filled with all the fulnesse of God, *Eph. 3.16,17,18.*

1 The fulnesse of the knowledge of his Will, *Col. 1.9.*

2 The full assurance of his favour, *Col. 2.2.*

3 The fulnesse of all grace in Christ Jesus.

4 The fulnesse of all joy in the holy Ghost, unspeakable and glorious, not only in the feelings of faith, but of afflictions, *1 Pet. 1.6,8. Rom. 5.3.*

5 The fulnesse of glory in his heavenly kingdome at his right hand, when he sits to intercede for mee and his whole mysticall body, to raigne in us his members, and over his and our enemies, till the last day, when he shall deliver up the kingdome to God the Father, *1 Cor. 15.28.* Then Cod shall be all in all, when wee shal bee filled with the fulnesse of God, and see him face to face. Now we see God the Father mediately in the face of Christ,

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then we shal see him immediately face to face with Christ: yet without a Mediator; now we are filled with the fulnesse of Christ only, then we shall be filled with the fulnesse of God alone.

1 We are the fulnesse of Christ who being his members, he accounts himselfe but maimed without us, *Eph. 1.23*

1 *Cor. 12.12.*

2 We have the fulnesse of God, in Christ, who being our head, supplies by his Spirit all things unto us, that can be had in God the Father, or from him, what ever can make us :

{ 1 Holy in him here,
2 Happy with him } *Ephe. 3.19.*
hereafter. *1 John 1.3.*

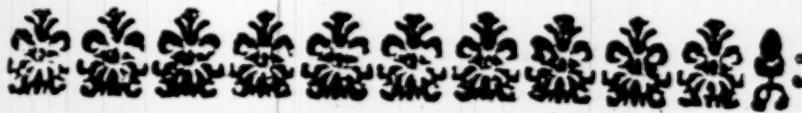
Now unto him who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we aske or thinke, according to the power that worketh in us : unto him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end, Amen, *Eph. 3.20, 21.*

In him (that is Christ) we actually are by our actuall incorporation into that society which hath him for their

C 2 head,

head, and doth make together with him one body (he and they in that respect having one name, 1 Cor. 12.12.) for which cause by vertue of this mysticall conjunction, we are of him and in him, even as though our flesh and bones should be made continuall with his. Hooker pag. 123.

Ergo gratulemnr & agamus gratias, non solum nos Christianos factos esse, sed etiam Christum. Intelligitis, fratres, gratiam Dei super nos; capit is, admirawini, gaudete. Christus facti sumus; Si enim ille caput est, & nos membra, totus ille homo & nos. August. in Iohann. tract. 31. Let us rejoice and give thankes, that we are not onely made Christian men, but also made Christs Brethren; yee understand the grace of God, that is upon us; ye understand it, ye wonder at it. Rejoyce ye, we are made Christ. For if he be the head and we the members, both he and we are one whole man.



The Mystery of J E S U S
C H R I S T, *Emmanuel*
G O D with us.

The Mystery of Incarnation.

God with us: receiving us into himself, uniting our nature with his into the person of his Son, *Mat. 1.23. Ioh. 1.14. Heb. 2.16. 1 Tim. 3.16.*

God with us.

The Mystery of Reconciliation.

God with us: reconciling us unto himself, accepting our persons, not imputing our sins by the blood of his Son, *2 Cor. 5.18, 19.*

God in Christ.

The Mystery of Regeneration.

God with us: renewing our natures to bee like himselfe, partakers of the
C 3 divine

The Mystical Union of

divine nature, changing us into his owne Image by the Spirit of his Son, *Col.1.27,28. 2 Cor.3.18. 2 Pet. 1.4.*

Christ in us.

The Mystery of mysticall Union.

God with us : uniting our persons to his Son by his Spirit and our faith, wherby we are members of Christ's body, of his bone, and of his flesh, which we feed on, finding life, grace, and spirituall strength, conveyed through it by the Spirit from God the Father, *Eph.5.30,32. Ioh.6.56,60.*

We in Christ.

The Mystery of the Gospel.

God with us: who were without God, without Christ, without hope or mercy, no people, strangers from the Common-weale of Israel, and covenant

covenant of promise, enemies of God, children of his wrath, in the power of the Devil, sitting in darkness and shadow of death, dead in sins, and the damnation of hell, at that time we were thus, being Gentiles, till Christ came in the flesh : and at this time we are thus, being as Gentiles, till our effectuall Calling by Christs Spirit, *Eph. 2.12. & 3.3,5.*

*We with Israel.**The Mystery of the first Resurrection.*

God with us : in calling home his old people Israel (who are now as wee were) into one Church with us to confesse, professe and praise Christ Jesus our Lord, together on earth, *Rom. 11.25.* The Jewes restoring a resurrection, *Rom. 11.15.* (that is) the first resurrection, *Rev. 20.5,6.*

Israel with us.

The Mystery of the second Resurrection.

God with us : In calling us all up by the sound of a Trump, at the second comming of Christ, changing our bodies and carrying us up both body and soule to meet the Lord Jesus in the aire, where and when the whole Church militant and triumphant, the family in heaven and earth, both Jew and Gentile, and all the Israel of God shall meet at once, and so wee shall ever bee with the Lord, *I Cor. 15.51. I Thess. 4.17.*

All Israel, and we with God.

The first Mystery was God } And God
with us, } All in All.
The last Mystery shall bee, } *I Cor. 15.*
we with God, } *28.*

Though I understand all } I am no-
Mysteries, and have not } thing,
love, } *I Cor 13.*

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*A plaine tryall by the Word of God of
whether he be*

*In } The state of Nature- } or
Damnation - } or
Flesh.*

*I There is therefore now no condem-
nation to*

*Who walke not after the flesh—
They that are after the flesh do mind
the things of flesh.—*

*The carnall mind is enmity against
God , for it is not subject unto the
Law of God,neither in deed can be :
so then they that are in the flesh can-
not please God,ver.7,8.*

*Now then Brethren wee are debtors
not to the flesh,to live after the flesh,
but yet if ye live after the flesh, yee
shall die,ver.12.*

*Now the works of the flesh are mani-
fest,which are adultery, fornication,
uncleannessse, lasciviousnesse, idola-
try,witchcraft, hatred, variance,e-
mulation,wrath,strife,seditions, he-
refies*



Mans spirituall estate.
in Christ Jesus, or no.

{ In } The state of grace
{ } — Salvation.

Spirit.

—them that are in Christ Jesus.

—but after the Spirit, *Rom. 8.1.*

But they that are after the Spirit, mind
the things of the Spirit, *v.5.*

But to bee spiritually minded, is life
and peace, *v.6.* but ye are not in the
flesh, but the spirit, if so bee that the
Spirit of God dwell in you ; but if
any have not the Spirit of Christ, he
is none of his, *v.9.*

But if through the Spirit yee mortifie
the deeds of the flesh, yee shall live,
v.13.

But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy,
peace, long-suffering, gentlenesse,
goodnesse, faith, meeknesse, tempe-
rance, against such there is no law ;
and they that are C H R I S T S
have crucified the flesh, with
the

Flesh.

resies, envyings, murthers, drunkennesse, revellings, and such like ; of which I tell you before, as I have told you in time past, that they which do such shall not inherit the kingdome of God, *Gal. 5. 19, 20, 21.*

2 If any man be _____ in Old things are passed away, _____. If wee say wee have fellowship with him, and walke in darknesse, we lie, *I Joh. 1. 6, 7.*

He that saith I know him, and keepeth not his Commandements, is a lyar *I John 2. 4.*

He that committeth sin, is of the Devill, *I Joh. 3. 8.*

Ye are of your father the Devill, and the lusts of your father ye will do, he also is a lyar, *Joh. 8. 44.*

Caine was of the wicked one, and slew his brother ; and wherefore slew hee him ? because his own works were evill, and his brothers good, *I John 3. 12.*

The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God, upon

Spirit.

the affections and lusts thereof.
If we live in the Spirit, let us walke
in the Spirit, *Galat. 5. 22, 23,*
24, 25.

Christ, he is a new creature—
—All things are become new, *2 Cor.*
5. 17.

Hethat saith he abideth in him, ought
himselfe also to walke, as he walked,
1 Joh. 2. 7.

But who so keepeth his word, in him
verily is the love of God perfected :
hereby know we that we are in him,
1 Joh. 2. 5.

Whosoever abideth in him, sinneth
not, *1 Joh. 3. 6.*

Whosoever is borne of God, doth not
commit sin, for his seed remaineth
in him, so that he cannot sin, because
he is borne of God, *1 Joh. 3. 9.*

Marvaile not my brethren if the
world hate you. We know we have
passed from death to life, because we
love the brethren, *1 Joh. 3. 13.*

Blessed are they that do his Comman-
dements, that they may have right